



City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SUMMARY MINUTES

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2011
City Hall Kiva
3939 Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Stan Koczka
Vice Chair Harry Schlegelmilch
Commissioner Robert Frost
Commissioner Gene Dafoe
Commissioner Anne Wurth

Absent: Commissioner Alspaugh
Commissioner Duchene

Staff Present: Jan Cameron
Terry Erickson
Hugh McGill
Reed Pryor
Don Davis
Erin McKallor-Quill
Sunny Nakagawa
Karen Weir
Dan Miller
Mike Ruggiero
Lorelei Oien

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting – April 6, 2011

Motion by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch to approve the regular meeting summary minutes from April 6, 2011; second by Commissioner Dafoe.

Summary minutes approved unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero.

5. MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS

Erin McKallor-Quill and Sunny Nakagawa, Recreation Coordinators, provided an overview of the programs at Mountain View Park.

Ms. McKallor-Quill reported on the Community Center, park amenities and features, and the After School Program, which had 130 registrants for school year 2010/2011 and incorporated a daily fitness and nutrition component that was paid for by a grant received from the Salt River Project (SRP).

Ms. Nakagawa reported on the Summer Total Rec, Rise and Shine and 678 programs, as well as Youth Corps, Helping Hand Volunteer program and the Memorial Bench/Tree program. Ms. Nakagawa stated that the Youth Corps teens volunteer an average of 15,000 hours a summer; regarding the Memorial Bench/Tree program, 14 benches have been placed in the city's parks, and ten trees have been planted during the current year.

Following the presentation was a question period in which it was determined that 130 is capacity for the After School Program and that currently there are ten children waitlisted; the summer recreation camps have been direct cost recovery fee based since the early 1980's; approximately 75 – 85% of the children in the summer programs also participate in the After School Program.

6. PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE FOR CLUB SAR, INDIAN SCHOOL PARK AND SCOTTSDALE RANCH PARK SPORTS COMPLEXES.

Karen Weir, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update of the programs and operations at Club SAR, Indian School Park (ISP) and Scottsdale Ranch Park (SRP) Sports Complexes, including amenities, budget and attendance figures for each location. Total park attendance and tennis attendance is up nearly 3 and 4 percent respectively at Scottsdale Ranch Park. Total park attendance and tennis attendance is down just over 21 and 15 percent respectively at Indian School Park. Total attendance at Club SAR is down nearly 19 percent, while volunteer hours are up almost 9 percent. Ms. Weir also reported that participants and revenue for tennis lessons and leagues for both SRP and ISP for fiscal year 2009/2010 was 4,515 participants generating \$248,408 in revenue; the volleyball leagues had 443 teams (1,610 players) and generated \$28,748.33 in revenue and the centers are on track to meet those numbers in the current fiscal year.

Ms. Weir also reported on attendance, tournament and league trends, and the USTA Under 10 Initiative. She also informed the Commission that ISP was named the 'Outstanding Venue' for the Grand State Canyon Games, and on April 29, SRP would be receiving, for the fourth time, the 'Outstanding Member Organization' for the USTA.

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During the discussion that followed the presentation, it was suggested that the reason, in part, for the near 19 percent decrease in attendance at Club SAR might be due to the fact that Club SAR is seeing more 'drop in' use than buying memberships and that some of the classes have been eliminated.

7. PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Dan Miller, Recreation Leader III, provided a brief overview of the special events that Parks and Recreation puts on throughout the year:

Fall Festival, Eldorado Park, October 31, 2010 – 8,000 participants and free games, a haunted forest, inflatable games, a magic show, pumpkin carving and costume contests, and fireworks.

Holiday Harmony, Civic Center Mall, December 11, 2010 - 1,800 participants, 20 free activity booths, snow slide, and ended with the Mayor's tree lighting and fireworks display.

Fit City Scottsdale, City Hall Parking Lot, January 22, 2011 – 400 participants, hosted in conjunction with Scottsdale Health Care, SCC, and the Arizona Republic. The event also hosted the City of Scottsdale's designation as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People celebration.

Wedge Skate Park Competition, Eldorado Community Center, March 22, 2011 – 1,200 participants with competitions for four age groups (10 and under, 11 to 14, 15 – 17, and amateur; this event is the only skate event that is part of the Grand Canyon State Games.

Upcoming events include Lucky Ducky Derby on May 7, 2011, Scottsdale Waterfront; Mighty Mud Mania on June 11, 2011, at Chaparral Park.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Frost checked on construction at Troon Park; he also attended the Wedge Skate Park Competition. Commissioner Frost also shared information on Scottsdale's 60th anniversary on June 25 and community events leading up the actual date.

Chair Koczka attended the Culinary Festival. He will be attending the Pinnacle Peak Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Greasewood Flat on April 29. Chair Koczka also visited the Cactus Pool re-plastering project/construction sight.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a brief budget update which included the decisions made by the City Council during the April 15 Special Session in which they declined implementing a property tax increase, declined using enterprise funds to supplement the general fund or change how overtime is paid, declined using general fund reserves to pay off debt and transferring general fund money to the capital improvement program; City Council did support using the fleet reserve to support general fund expenses, and affirmed that there would be no merit or market adjustment increases for the upcoming year. As a result, additional

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spending reductions may be necessary to balance the 2011/2012 budget, and division heads are reviewing possible reductions.

Ms. Cameron also gave an update of upcoming Parks and Recreation community events, including:

April Pool's Day – April 23
Paws in the Park – April 30
Mayor's Youth Council – May 2
Board and Commission Appreciation BBQ – April 27
Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – May 4
Joint Meeting with Preserve Commission – May 5
Police Basketball Challenge – April 29

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorelei Oien
Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,

Janice M. Cameron
Director, Parks and Recreation